

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
September 22, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer, Chair
Paul Clark*, Vice-Chair
Martin Badegian
Larry Brown*
Carol Culbertson
George Cushing
Jody Reidenhour*
Stanley Zeitz

Committee Members Absent

John Aldecoa
Kathy Pearce
Thomas Troxell
Open
Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director

** Participated in the meeting by telephone*

MFRF Committee Staff

Travis Schulte, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on August 25, 2011 as written. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Meyer read and discussed the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy regarding Committee members who may have knowledge of an applicant, and reminded members of the Committee's practice of recusing oneself in the event there is a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:11 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:15 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. 2011C **July H** – Carol Culbertson moved to recommend denying application as financial assistance to pay the past due mortgage or to pay off the second auto loan would not be able to prevent foreclosure and there is sufficient income for applicant to continue making the payment on the second car. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. 2011E **May E** – Martin Badegian moved to recommend denying application as the applicant states in the application that he was laid-off and that is why the financial hardship exists, there is no military connection to hardship or documentation to substantiate claim of PTSD or status of VA claim. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2011C **September E** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend approval of \$5,889.00 for assistance with three months of rent, auto payment, auto insurance, water, electricity and internet contingent upon receiving VA documentation verifying service connected injuries. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. 2011C **September F** – George Cushing moved to recommend approval of \$3,318.33 for assistance with three months mortgage payment. Martin Badegian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
5. 2011C **September G** – Larry Brown moved to recommend denying application for assistance as financial hardship has no connection to military deployment. Martin Badegian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
6. 2011C **September H** – Larry Brown moved to recommend approval of \$1467.90 for assistance with three months rent while veteran appeals for 100% VA service connection rating. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
7. 2011C **September I** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend approval of \$1,811.85 for past due amounts and three months assistance with HOA fees, water and gas, contingent upon receipt of VA or military documentation establishing service connection of claimed back injuries. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

Committee members reviewed additional award criteria. Based on discussion and suggested additions, criteria will be revised and sent out electronically for committee members to vote on. If approved, the revised criteria will be posted online and incorporated into the application documentation.

MARKETING REPORTS

Larry Brown asked for volunteers to staff the Military Veteran Booth at the Arizona State Fair.

Travis Schulte passed out information on the ClubCorp Charity Golf Classic at the Anthem Golf and Country Club on Nov 5, 2011. MFRF and Heroes to Hometowns are the beneficiaries of the charity golf tournament.

Travis Schulte announced MFRF will be the beneficiary of the Paradise Valley Vintage Car Show Nov 12.

Randy Meyer announced he will speak at Horizon Church for their veteran event on Nov 13.

Carol Culbertson announced the next Women Veteran's Conference for June 16, 2012.

Committee members inquired about additional marketing materials, including banners and business cards for committee members.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No public attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011 in the Director's Conference Room at 2 pm.